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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 30, 2002

PETITION OF

CATOCTIN EXCHANGE CUSTOMERS

CASE NO. PUC-2001-00139

For Extended Local Service from  
Verizon Virginia Inc.'s Catoctin  
Exchange to its Herndon, Fairfax-  
Vienna, Alexandria-Arlington, and  
Falls Church-McLean exchanges

FINAL ORDER

In November 2000, telephone subscribers in Verizon Virginia Inc.'s ("Verizon Virginia" or the "Company") Catoctin exchange petitioned the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to the Herndon, Fairfax-Vienna, Alexandria-Arlington, and Falls Church-McLean exchanges. On April 25, 2001, the Company submitted the cost study used to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rate that will result from the extension of local calling.

On August 21, 2001, the Commission issued an Order directing Verizon Virginia to poll its Catoctin exchange customers to determine whether a majority of those customers were willing to pay an increase in rates for local calling to the Herndon, Fairfax-Vienna, Alexandria-Arlington, and Falls

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Church-McLean exchanges. Verizon Virginia submitted the results of its poll on November 14, 2001, which showed that a majority of those responding to the poll supported the proposal.

A poll of customers in the Herndon, Fairfax-Vienna, Alexandria-Arlington, and Falls Church-McLean exchanges was not required under § 56-484.2 A of the Code of Virginia because the proposed rate increase for one-party residential service does not exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate. In fact, the Company's cost study for reciprocal calling from the Herndon, Fairfax-Vienna, Alexandria-Arlington, and Falls Church-McLean exchanges, received on March 29, 2002, concluded that there would be no rate increase for the reciprocal calling areas.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the petition filed by telephone subscribers in Verizon Virginia's Catoctin exchange, the cost studies submitted by the Company, and § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia, finds that extended local service should be implemented between Verizon Virginia's Catoctin exchange and the Herndon, Fairfax-Vienna, Alexandria-Arlington, and Falls Church-McLean exchanges.

Further, we find that Verizon Virginia is not required to give notice to the reciprocal calling areas of the proposed extension of local service pursuant to § 56-484.2 C of the Code of Virginia. Section 56-484.2 C requires notice to customers in exchanges in which polls are not required pursuant to § 56-484.2

A, but because there is no resulting rate increase for the extension of local service to the reciprocal calling areas, we find that § 56-484.2 A does not apply.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Two-way extended local service from Verizon Virginia's Catoctin exchange to its Herndon, Fairfax-Vienna, Alexandria-Arlington, and Falls Church-McLean exchanges shall be implemented.

(2) Verizon Virginia shall file the necessary tariff revisions with the Commission's Division of Communications to implement extended local service between Verizon Virginia's Catoctin exchange and its Herndon, Fairfax-Vienna, Alexandria-Arlington and Falls Church-McLean exchanges.

(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed, and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.